

State of Iowa Youth Advisory Council

Minutes for Conference Call

Sunday, September 8, 2013

8:00pm – 9:00 pm - All Members – Statewide

Dial: 1 (866) 685-1580

Conference Code: 51 52 81 65 09 #

Members Present: Sai Abbaraju, Rohan Aggarwal, Joel Baumann, Nick Beckwith, Aaron Britt, Jacob Bundt, Anne Edwards, Agatha Fenech, Pablo Haake, Rekha Karuparth, Marissa Kephart, Mary Korch, Jake Mathahs, Jenna McCoy, Katie Melbourne, Gina Mostafa, Sruthi Palaniappan, Zachary Parle, Luke Theuma, Benjamin Votroubek, and Cody Woodruff

Members Absent: Julie Jaimes and Danielle Reyes

Staff Present: Steve Micheal and Betsy Penisten

I. Roll Call and Announcements

Karuparth took roll call.

II. Approve Minutes for August 25, 2013

Aggarwal motions to approve the August 25, 2013 minutes.

Theuma seconds. The council unanimously agrees to approve the minutes.

III. New Coordinator Introduction

Penisten, the new coordinator, introduced herself to the council. She went through the 1st quarter meeting, as it is mandatory to attend. Theuma explained how conference calls work and that there are many different youth issues addressed during the year.

IV. Update on Contacting Legislators/Research

Many SIYAC members have been contacting their legislators, and also receiving responses from their legislators. Make sure to use Theuma's template and let the legislators know about SIYAC. Contacting them will open up many opportunities. If you haven't heard from them, keep

trying. Calling their office or finding an alternative number like how Abbaraju did could work, too.

V. Officer Position Description

Legislative Affairs Chair: This chair deals with contacting legislators. This person will also help draft position statements that are distributed to the legislators. He or she will be a part of the executive council.

Public Relations Chair: This chair will be responsible for updating SIYAC's accomplishments in newsletters and maintaining SIYAC's image. Note that as of right now SIYAC is prohibited to use social media to publicize. The bylaw change will be up for vote during the next conference call.

Service Chair: Responsible for coordinating service projects around Iowa.

Parliamentarian Chair: This position has been recently created. This person will be responsible in making sure the proper procedures are being implemented throughout meetings and calls. This chair must also be aware of the bylaws and Iowa code.

These positions will be appointed by the Executive Committee and voted for approval at the 1st quarter meeting. If any member is interested in any of these positions contact the Executive Committee. To get more information reference the SIYAC Procedure Manual or/and contact members who had the corresponding position.

VI. Other Business/ Public Comments

McCoy shared information about the Youth Justice Initiative. If you are interested in this organization you can get more information by contacting McCoy.

Remember to keep researching topics and contacting your legislators. Also, start thinking about what committees you would like to be part of for this upcoming year.

On September 25, 2013, two SIYAC members are being asked to go to the State Capitol for a meeting with councils, representatives, etc., to talk about SIYAC.

VII. Meeting Adjourns

Woodruff motions to adjourn. Aggarwal seconds. The council unanimously agrees to adjourn.